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**AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified U.S. Patent Application, Applicant requests entry of the following preliminary amendment.

**Amendments to the Specification** begins on page 2 of this letter.

**Remarks** begin on page 3 of this paper.